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Mr. Steven H. Gunderson Rocky Flats Cleanup Agreement Project Coordinator Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment 4300 Cherry Creek Drive South Denver, Colorado 80222-1530

Dear Mr. Gunderson:

Enclosed, please find a copy of the *Decommissioning Operations Plan* (DOP) for the Building 371 Cluster, which is being transmitted for your approval. The DOP completed the 45-day public comment period on February 5, 2001, and the comment responsiveness summary is included with this transmittal. Additionally, several meetings were held with the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) and other commenters after the formal public comment period. The responsiveness summary indicates where changes to the draft were made to address the comments or to explain why the draft was not revised.

This DOP was developed based on consultation with your staff, interested stakeholders, and the Environmental Protection Agency which permitted us to address many of their concerns during the drafting of the version that was sent out for public comment. We appreciate your approval of our request to defer the 14-day pre-public comment period and the consultative work done by CDPHE staff. This approach helped produce a quality document, and it recovered the schedule for its approval.

By separate letter, we confirmed our agreement with the CDPHE staff's determination that Building 374 (which is included in this DOP) is a Type 3 building.

If you have any questions regarding the DOP, please call Fred Gerdeman at (303) 966-6203.

Sincerely,

Joseph A. Legare Assistant Manager

for Environment and Infrastructure

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